

Sacred Heart Church

~~Waco, Waco County, Texas~~

Shelby Co.
Center Vic.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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SACRED HEART CHURCH
~~New Mexico, Pecos County, Texas~~
Shelby, Center Vic.

Owner

Date of Erection 1847

Architect

Builder

Present Condition Good

Number of Stories One

Other Existing Records

Materials of Construction Frame

Additional Data One of the first Catholic churches built in East Texas.

On February 2, 1840 Judge Chas. S. Taylor of McLeodches gave a dinner at his home for his close friends. Around the table sat, Adolphus Stearn, Charles Chevallier and Priest fathers, Timon and Odin. At this dinner a committee was formed consisting of Judge Taylor, Charles Chevallier and Adolphus Stearn, the latter being appointed as chairman. The object of this committee was to build the Sacred Heart Church. However, many setbacks were encountered and it was seven years later before the church was actually built, in 1847. The present church is original and is on the original site and in excellent condition. Ref: Crockett's 200 Years in East Texas.

For a frame building this little church is exceedingly pleasing. The spire is graceful and in fine proportion. The departure found in the Gothic doorway is of a later date and mars an otherwise charming building.

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